

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): A silver halide photographic photosensitive material adapted for imagewise exposure followed by development processing, said photosensitive material prior to processing with a processing solution comprising at least one compound represented by the following formula (I):

Formula (I)

$A_1-(X_1)n_1-B_1-(X_2)n_2-A_2 \text{ Md}^{md}$

wherein, in formula (I), A_1 and A_2 each represent an aromatic group or an aromatic heterocyclic group are a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; B_1 represents an atomic group having a π electron; X_1 and X_2 each represent a linking group; n_1 and n_2 each represent 0 or 1; Md represents a counter ion for balancing a charge; and md represents a number of 0 or more required for neutralizing a charge on the molecule.

3. (canceled).

4. (original): The silver halide photographic photosensitive material according to Claim 2, wherein, in the compound represented by formula (I) described above, A1 and A2 each are a naphthyl group having at least one carboxy group.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A silver halide photographic photosensitive material, according to Claim 1 Claim 2, wherein the ~~residual color reducing agent~~ compound represented by formula (I) is a compound represented by the following formula (IV):

Formula (IV)

$A_1-X_1-L-X_2-A_2$

wherein, in formula (IV), A₁ and A₂ each represent an aromatic group or an aromatic heterocyclic group; L represents a divalent group derived from compounds having a π electron; and X₁ and X₂ each represent a divalent linking group.

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (original): The silver halide photographic photosensitive material according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one silver halide emulsion incorporated in the silver halide photographic photosensitive material contains dye chromophores being multilayer-adsorbed on the surface of silver halide grains.

13. (currently amended): An image-forming method, comprising a step of ~~contacting a processing an imagewise exposed~~ silver halide photographic photosensitive material adapted for development processing with a processing solution, in which said photosensitive material prior to processing with a processing solution comprising a dye chromophore is multilayer-adsorbed on silver halide grains, ~~with and~~ at least one residual-color-reducing agent having at least one aromatic ring or aromatic heterocycle in its molecule.

14. (canceled).

15. (new): A silver halide photographic photosensitive material adapted for imagewise exposure followed by development processing, said photosensitive material prior to processing with a processing solution comprising at least one compound represented by the following formula (I):

Formula (I)

$A_1-(X_1)n_1-B_1-(X_2)n_2-A_2$ Mdmd

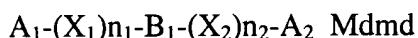
wherein, in formula (I), A_1 and A_2 each represents an aromatic group or an aromatic heterocyclic group; B_1 represents an atomic group having a π electron; X_1 and X_2 each represents

a linking group; n_1 and n_2 each represent 0 or 1; Md represents a counter ion for balancing a charge; and md represents a number of 0 or more required for neutralizing a charge on the molecule, and

wherein the compound of formula (I) has a carboxy group or a sulfo group in its molecule.

16. (new): A silver halide photographic photosensitive material adapted for imagewise exposure followed by development processing, said photosensitive material prior to processing with a processing solution comprising at least one compound represented by the following formula (I):

Formula (I)



wherein, in formula (I), A_1 and A_2 each represents an aromatic group or an aromatic heterocyclic group; B_1 represents an atomic group having a π electron; X_1 and X_2 each represents a linking group; n_1 and n_2 each represent 0 or 1; Md represents a counter ion for balancing a charge; and md represents a number of 0 or more required for neutralizing a charge on the molecule, and

wherein the compound of formula (I) contains 5 to 10 aromatic rings or aromatic heterocycles in its molecule.

17. (new): The silver halide photographic photosensitive material according to Claim 2, containing said at least one compound represented by formula (I) in an amount of 1×10^{-5} to 1 mole per mole of silver halide.

18. (new): The silver halide photographic photosensitive material according to Claim 15, containing said at least one compound represented by formula (I) in an amount of 1×10^{-5} to 1 mole per mole of silver halide.

19. (new): The silver halide photographic photosensitive material according to Claim 16, comprising at least one compound represented by formula (I) in an amount of 1×10^{-5} to 1 mole per mole of silver halide.